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# Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children at its organizational session

## I. Introduction

1. At its fifty-fourth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 54/93 of 7 December 1999, entitled "Special Session of the General Assembly in 2001 for Follow-up to the World Summit for Children", in which, in paragraph 6, it decided to establish an open-ended preparatory committee to prepare for the outcome of the special session.

2. Paragraph 8 of resolution 54/93 further requested the Preparatory Committee to convene one organizational session on 7 and 8 February 2000 and one substantive session from 30 May to 2 June 2000.

## II. Organization of the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session

### A. Opening and duration of the organizational session

3. The Preparatory Committee held its organizational session at Headquarters on 7 and 8 February 2000. In the course of its session, the Preparatory Committee held four meetings.

4. The session was opened by the President of the General Assembly, Theo-Ben Gurirab (Namibia), who also addressed the session.

5. The Chairman made an introductory statement after her election at the 1st meeting on 7 February 2000.

6. The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) also made statements.

### B. Officers

7. At its 1st and 3rd meetings, on 7 and 8 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

*Chairman*:
Patricia **Durrant** (Jamaica)

*Vice-Chairmen*:
Madina Ly **Tall** (Mali)
Anwarul Karim **Chowdhury** (Bangladesh)
Lidija **Topic** (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Hanns **Schumacher** (Germany)

8. At its 3rd meeting on 8 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee designated Lidija Topic

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(Bosnia and Herzegovina) Vice-Chairman, with rapporteurial responsibilities.

### C. Agenda

9. At its 1st meeting, on 7 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee adopted the agenda for the organizational session, contained in document A/AC.256/1/Rev.1, as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Preparations for the special session.
4. Participation of non-governmental organizations.
5. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.
6. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its organizational session.

### D. Documentation

10. The Preparatory Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/AC.256/1/Rev.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Proposals on the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children" (A/AC.256/2).

## III. Work of the organizational session

11. At its 1st meeting, on 7 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee approved its programme of work for the organizational session proposed by the Chairman.

12. At the same meeting, the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF introduced the report of the Secretary-General, entitled "Proposals on the preparatory process for the special session of the General Assembly in 2001 for follow-up to the World Summit for Children", contained in document A/AC.256/2.

13. The Preparatory Committee held a general exchange of views on agenda items 3, 4, 5 and 6 during the course of its organizational session. Various proposals were put forward by delegations.

14. At its 4th meeting, on 8 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee considered the report of its organizational session. The recommendations and decisions of the organizational session are included in section IV of the present report.

## IV. Recommendations and decisions

15. At its 4th meeting, on 8 February 2000, the Preparatory Committee adopted the following decisions:

(a) Programme of work of the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee:

[Text of decision to be included]

(b) Participation of non-governmental organizations:

[Text of decision to be included]

(c) Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee:

[Text of decision to be included]